

## **Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting**

**July 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

### **In-Person Attendees:**

**Town Hall Small Conference Room  
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut**

### **Those Attending Virtually:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3625596884>**

**Meeting ID: 362 559 6884**

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Colleen Cash, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Joshua Fischer, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Tracey Bryggman, Amy Casey (*left at 8:04pm*)

Excused: Mike McNamara, Raje Kaur, Pamme Jones

Guests: None

### **MEETING TO ORDER**

Colleen made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

### **MINUTES**

- Dani made a motion to make a revision to the June 2023 Minutes to reflect that a member attended in-person vs. virtually. Jennifer seconded. All approved.
- Tracey made a motion to approve the June 2023 Minutes pending that adjustment. Jennifer seconded. All approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The council has spent its town budget for the fiscal year. There are two checks yet to clear. A follow-up was sent to the Town's payables clerk.
- Recent Generator and June EDR expenses will be submitted within the week.
- New Fiscal Year has begun with a new approved budget!
- Detailed breakdown on Make Music Day revenue to follow.
- The quarterly brochure invoice was sent at the end of June. A check will be available at the end of the week and given to the vendor.
- The council discussed ensuring a more timely dispersal of the scholarship funds to the recipient for future years as well as some certificate of some kind.

## Old Business

### Make Music Day

- MMD was a huge success and incredibly well-received by the community and participating musicians.
- There were 71 Performances across 17 Venues. Looking ahead, the council discussed utilizing Ballard Park next year.
- A local business has been utilizing a piano that was donated to MMD in 2020 and no longer has any use for it. The council decided that it had no use for the piano as well. Communications to follow.

### June Generator Recap

- RPAC is a great venue, but attendance was low. The council determined the timing was not ideal. In the future, the event should be held from 6-8pm and should not be held towards the end of June as it is too close to the end of school events/vacations.

### Music & Art in the Park Update

- The event will be held as part of Ridgefield's Summerfest on Saturday, July 29th from 12pm-5pm. There are 5 performances booked.
- The council reviewed the possibility of providing the participating musicians with a stipend for their time. The total cost to compensate the musicians would be \$2100.
- Colleen made a motion to provide the Music & Art in the Park musicians stipends (totaling \$2100) from the CT Humanities Grant. Dani seconded. All approved.

### RAC Mission Discussion

- The council conducted a productive workshop/brainstorm session to review its current mission and charge.
- *Amy Casey left at 8:04pm.*
- Council members will take the next month to independently review the RAC mission and charge. The council will try to formalize proposed changes at the next meeting.

## New Business

N/A

## ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm following a motion made by Joe and seconded by Jennifer. All approved.

The next meeting will be 8/2/2023 at 7pm.